

REMARKS

Claims 14-35 remain in the present application. Claims 1-13 are cancelled herein. Claims 14-35 are added herein. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added as a result of the claim amendments. Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration of the rejections based on the arguments set forth below.

Examiner Interview Summary

A telephonic Examiner Interview was conducted on October 29, 2008 between Examiner Joanne Silbermann and Applicants' representatives Bryan M. Failing and Anthony C. Murabito. New independent Claims 14, 22 and 27 were discussed with respect to the cited references Lennerstad, Trcka and Brosh. It was agreed that the new claims overcome the cited references. Applicant thanks the Examiner for granting the interview.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 4-5 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by United States Patent Number 6,341,439 to Lennerstad et al. (referred to herein as "Lennerstad"). Claims 1, 4-5 and 13 are cancelled herein, and thus, Applicant respectfully submits that a discussion of the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection of Claims 1, 4-5 and 13 is moot.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 2-3 and 6-10

Claims 2-3 and 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lennerstad in view of United States Patent Number 3,863,246 to Trcka et al. (referred to herein as "Trcka"). Claims 2-3 and 6-10 are cancelled herein, and thus, Applicant respectfully submits that a discussion of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of Claims 2-3 and 6-10 is moot.

Claims 11-12

Claims 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lennerstad in view of United States Patent Number 5,924,870 to Brosh et al. (referred to herein as "Brosh"). Claims 11-12 are cancelled herein, and thus, Applicant respectfully submits that a discussion of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of Claims 11-12 is moot.

Claims 14-35

It was agreed during the Examiner Interview that independent Claims 14, 22 and 27 overcome the cited references Lennerstad, Trcka and Brosh. Since Claims 15-21, 23-26 and 28-35 recite further elements of the invention claimed in their respective independent Claims, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 15-21, 23-26 and 28-35 also overcome the cited references. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 14-35 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 14-35 are in condition for allowance and Applicants earnestly solicit such action from the Examiner.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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